Route 8, Frederick, Md. 21701
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Dear Mr. Monderer,

If you remember a hot afternoon when you were just moving into your offices and you spent an hour when you really wanted to be going home hearing about the Freedom of Information law, I am the man you spent it with at Herb Brubaker's request.

I have just heard that a $1,500,000 suit was filed against NBC in New York today over its refusal to carry an ad for the movie Executive Action.

I know some of the people involved and am confident that their real purpose is to advertise their movie (and the book from which it comes) at NBC's expense.

What may be of more interest than this opinion is another: I can beat that suit and with it preserve NBC's reputation, for inherent if not explicit has to be the suggestion that NBC does not believe in the First Amendment.

If the suit was filed for publicity purposes, the need to defend against it may never come up.

From what I know about the book and the pretenses of the movie I believe that on fact rather than law this case can get thrown out at considerable savings.

If the suit was filed for publicity purposes, the accusations against NBC will be heard for a long time. As long as the book and the movie are being promoted.

The fact I have in mind lends itself to the use of the law. This is to say that I believe there is applicable law.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg